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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 May 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1 to 11 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 to 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, an "or" should be inserted before "bromine" in the definition of R₂.

In claim 1, in the definition of R₂ the phrase "(* attached to the nucleus)" is not clear since it is not clear what is the nucleus.

In claim 2, part (a), an "or" should be inserted before the last substituent listed.

In claim 3, line 6, an "or" should be inserted before "2,6-dicyano-4-nitrophenyl" since the preceding groups do not have the "phenyl" group or other group that could be considered a diazo component listed.

In claim 3, last line, variables R'_1 , R'_2 and R'_4 are not defined above in the claim or in claim 1 on which claim 3 depends.

In claim 9, an "or" should be inserted before "triacetate".

Claim 11 is indefinite because it refers to "a process according to Claim 1", however, claim 1 is not drawn to a process.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, First Paragraph

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

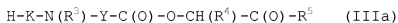
The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1 to 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a process for the preparation of a dye of the formula (I) comprising the step of coupling a diazotized amine of the formula (II)

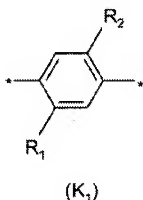
$D-NH_2$ (II)

wherein D is a substituted phenyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl,

benzothiazolyl or benzoisothiazolyl radical with a compound of the formula (IIIa)



wherein K is an aromatic radical of the formula K₁



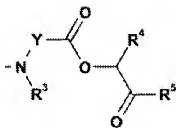
, does not reasonably provide enablement for a process for the preparation of a dye of the formula (I) comprising the step of coupling a diazotized amine of the formula (II)



with a compound of the formula (III)

H-K (III). The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

The process as set forth in claim 4 does not prepare the dyes of the formula (I) since K is K₁, K₂ or K₃ as disclosed in claim 1. The portion of the dye molecule that is



would be missing. Page 6, lines 11 to 20 of the specification discloses the same process as in claim 4 and thus does not provide a process for the preparation of the dyes of the formula (I).

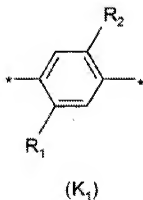
Examples 1 to 5 and pages 13 to 18 of the specification only provide a process for the preparation of dyes of the formula (I) comprising the step of coupling a diazotized amine of the formula (II)



wherein D is a substituted phenyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, benzothiazolyl or benzoisothiazolyl radical with a compound of the formula (IIIa)



wherein K is an aromatic radical of the formula K₁



Response to Arguments

Applicant's submission of a certified English translation of the priority document is sufficient to overcome the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103(a) presented in the previous office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fiona T. Powers whose telephone number is 571-272-0702. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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